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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re Patent Application of:  
Danny W. Bilyeu et al.

Application No.: 09/971,993

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Filed: October 5, 2001

Art Unit: 3714

For: GAMING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF  
GAMING INCLUDING INTERACTIVE  
GAMING SYMBOLS FOR PRODUCING  
DIFFERENT OUTCOMES

Examiner: J. M. Hotaling

**RESPONSE**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.